◆ WHAT IS YAYA THINKING AS SHE MAKES HER WAY OVER TO KEIICHIROU'S PLACE...?

I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS LIKE...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
AH, SENSEI.
WILL I... BE ABLE TO GO OUTSIDE LIKE OTHER KIDS SOMEDAY?
CLENCH
...BECAUSE I'VE NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE EVER SINCE I WAS MANUFACTURED...
I'LL DEFINITELY TAKE YOU TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD ONE DAY!
YEAH, FOR SURE.

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POP
IT'S FINALLY TIME...
...FLOWER.
CHAPTER 3 AYAKO-SENSEI
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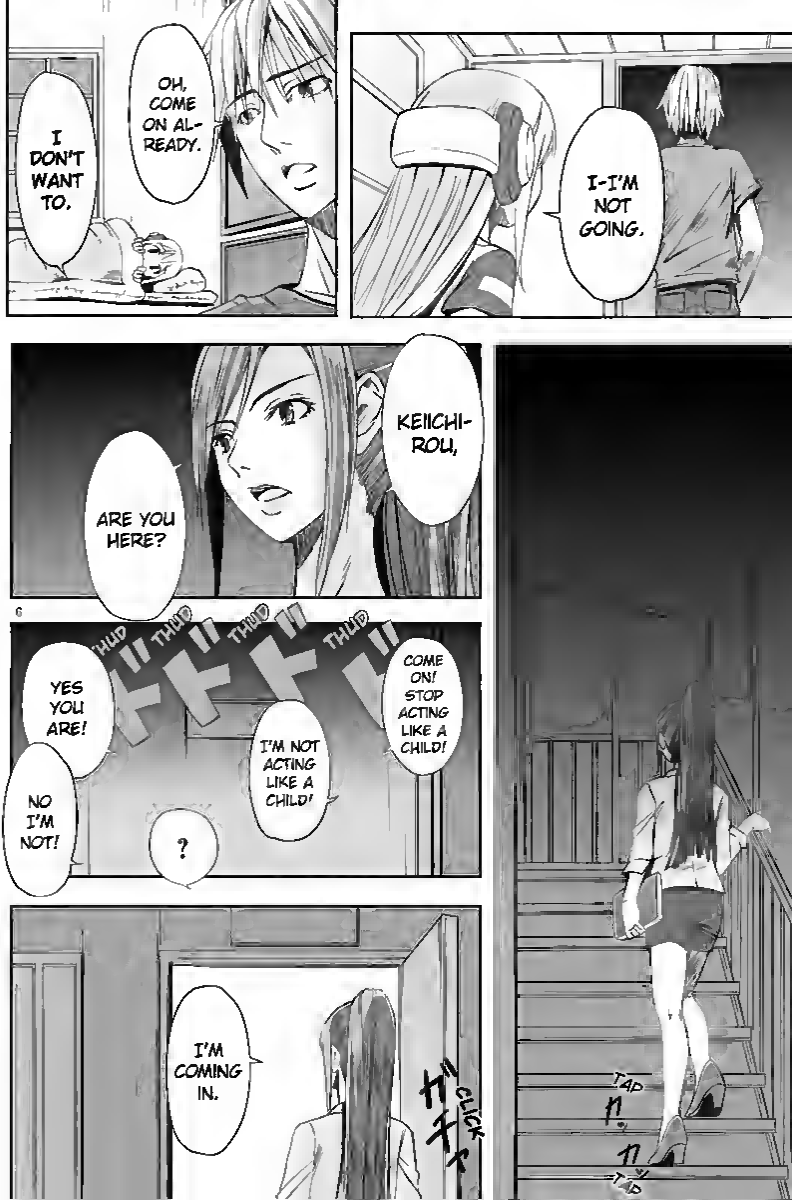
KEIICHI-ROU-SAN, I'LL GO LAY OUT THE FUTONS NOW.
HMM HMM, LA LA LA~
HUH? GO WHERE?
HEY, STOP SINGING THAT SONG OF YOURS AND LET'S GO ALREADY.

...AND RETURN YOU TO HER.
"WHERE?" YAYA'S PLACE, OBVIOUSLY.
I HAVE TO ASK HER WHY SHE SENT YOU...


I DON'T WANT TO.
OH, COME ON ALREADY.
I-I'M NOT GOING.
KEIICHIROU,
ARE YOU HERE?
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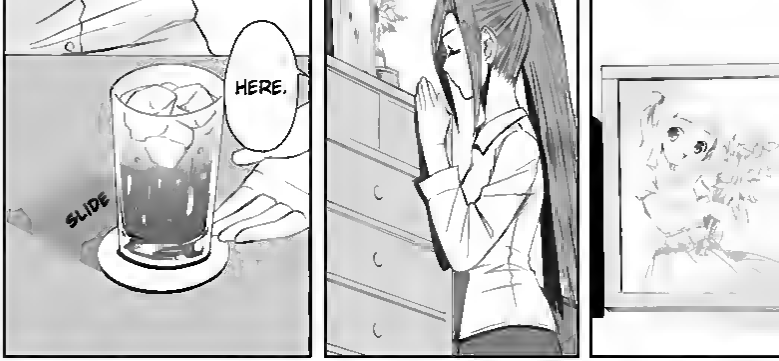
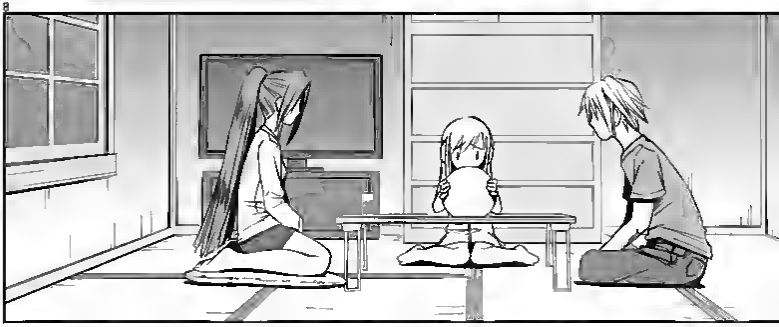
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
YES YOU ARE!
NO I'M NOT!
?
I'M NOT ACTING LIKE A CHILD!
COME ON! STOP ACTING LIKE A CHILD!
I'M COMING IN.
ガチャ
CLICK
TAP
TAP

LONG TIME NO SEE, KEIICHIROU. IT'S BEEN THREE... NO, FOUR YEARS?
YAYA!!
THE MEANING...
YAYA... WHAT'S THE MEANING BEHIND ALL THIS!?
...BEHIND THIS SITUA-TION...

...IS WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!


HERE.
SLIDE

UMM...
IT'S BETTER IF YOU DRINK IT WHILE IT'S STILL COLD...



SHE'S NOT A WELCOME GUEST. YOU DON'T NEED TO SERVE HER TEA...
...WHY YOU SENT HER HERE, YAYA?
CAN YOU EXPLAIN...
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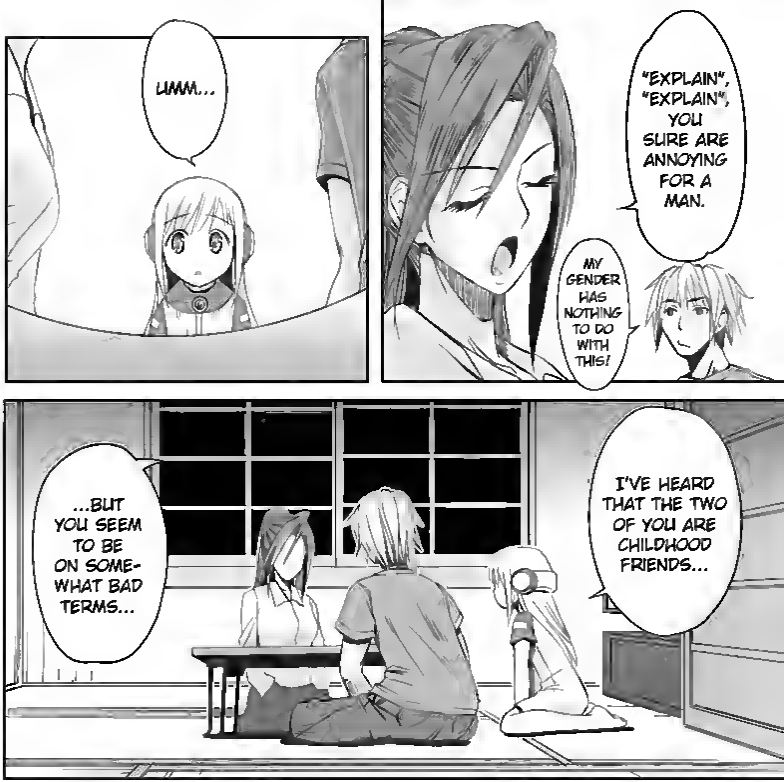
FLOWER, CLEAN THIS PLACE UP, OKAY?
STILL, THIS IS ONE DIRTY ROOM. THIS IS A ROOM THAT WOMEN SHOULDN'T BE ENTERING.
YES!
STOP DODGING THE QUESTION AND EXPLAIN IT PROPERLY, YAYA!


UMM...
"EXPLAIN", "EXPLAIN", YOU SURE ARE ANNOYING FOR A MAN.
MY GENDER HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
I'VE HEARD THAT THE TWO OF YOU ARE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS...
...BUT YOU SEEM TO BE ON SOME-WHAT BAD TERMS...

HE "OWES" ME.
NO, IT'S NO-THING THAT IM-POR-
WHY IS THAT?

THAT WAS JUST-!
HE STILL HASN'T FINISHED PAYING IT BACK.
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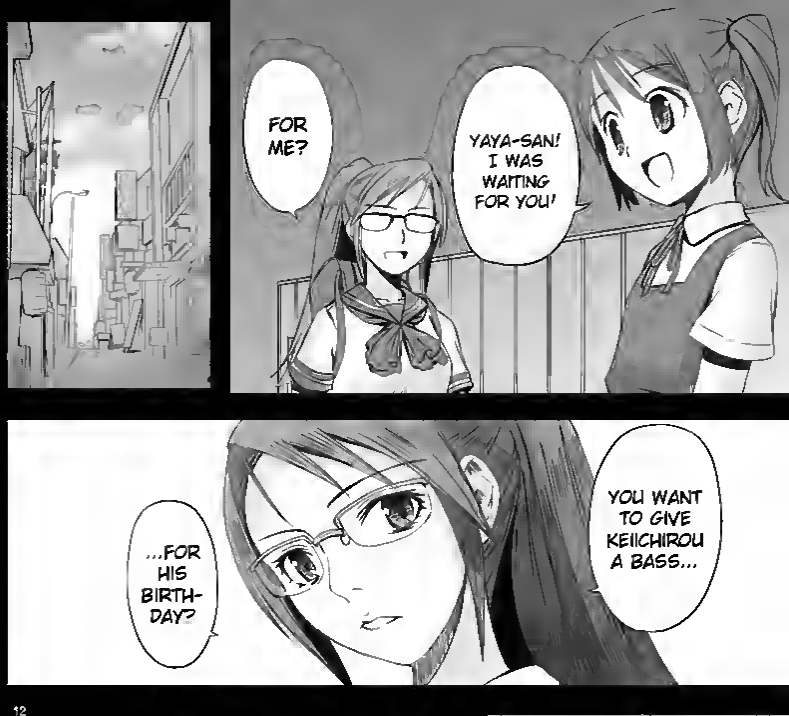
OH, NORI-CHAN?


FOR ME?
YAYA-SAN! I WAS WAITING FOR YOU!
YOU WANT TO GIVE KEIICHIROU A BASS...
...FOR HIS BIRTH-DAY?

HE DOESN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY AN INSTRUMENT...
...BUT HE'S ON BAD TERMS WITH OUR PARENTS SO HE HAS TO PAY HIS OWN TUITION...
YES, IT SEEMS LIKE ONII-CHAN WANTS TO JOIN A BAND...

SO YOU'VE BEEN WORKING PART-TIME LATELY ...
I WANT TO LET HIM PARTICIPATE IN A BAND
THAT'S WHY I WAS THINKING OF BUYING HIM ONE AS A PRESENT.
I KNOW. BASSES ARE PRETTY EXPENSIVE. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET THAT MUCH MONEY IN TIME.
BUT ACTUALLY...
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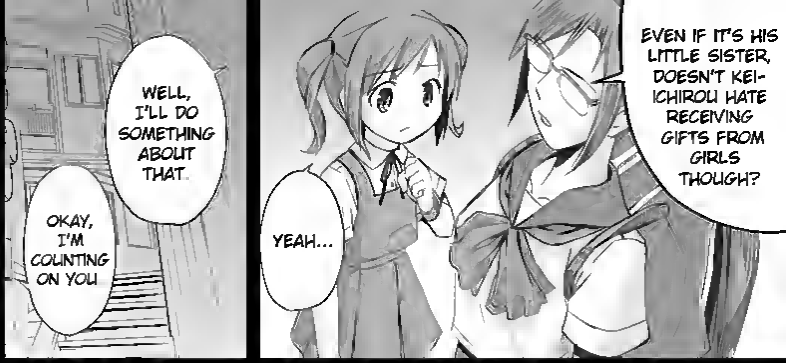
AH, SHE'S MAKING AN EVIL FACE ...
IT'D BE USEFUL TO MAKE HIM OWE ME SOMETHING RIGHT NOW...
I'LL HELP YOU OUT. SHUNPEI WILL TOO.
TH-THANK YOU VERY MUCH!


EVEN IF IT'S HIS LITTLE SISTER, DOESN'T KEI-ICHIROU HATE RECEIVING GIFTS FROM GIRLS THOUGH?
YEAH...
WELL, I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
OKAY, I'M COUNTING ON YOU

SHIMOKAWA MUSIC STORE

THIS IS FOR ME?
YEP. NORI-CHAN WORKED PART-TIME WITH ALL HER MIGHT AND BOUGHT IT. YOU CAN'T REFUSE TO ACCEPT IT...
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N-NO, NOT AT ALL. THANK YOU, NORIKO. I'LL DEFINITELY TREASURE THIS.
YAY!
UMM... DID I... DO SOMETHING UNNECESSARY?

I CAN'T JUST TAKE THIS FOR FREE.
BUT STILL,
YOU CAN PAY IT BACK BY TAKING OUT A LOAN FROM ME. ALSO, YOU CAN BE MY SLAVE TO PAY IT OFF.
THAT'S COMPLETELY OKAY! NOW YOU CAN PLAY IN A BAND!
HOW ABOUT I PAY IT BACK AS A LOAN?
WHY ARE YOU TALKING!?
HAHA, THANKS
WELL THEN, YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF MY GROCERIES THIS WEEKEND. ♪
UMM... YAYA-SAN PAID FOR MOST OF IT...
DAMN IT, YOU BITCH.
GEH! IS THAT SO...

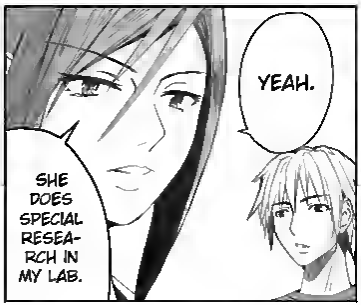
...THAT'S IT?
.....
TCH.
SMIRK
SMIRK

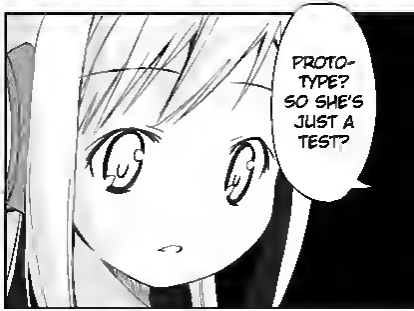
THEREFORE, HE OWES ME A LOT.
AREN'T YOU JUST RANDOMLY DECIDING WHERE HALF IS?

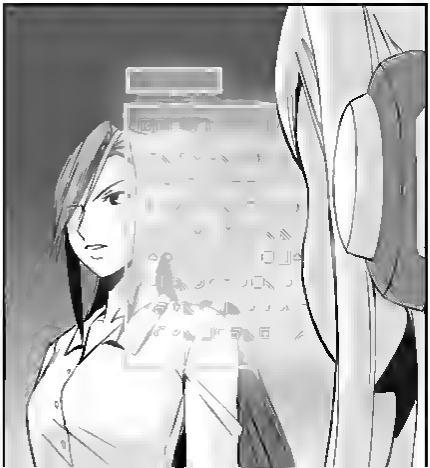
IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS.
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN PAID BACK HALF OF IT YET.

ANYWAY, I WANT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF HER.

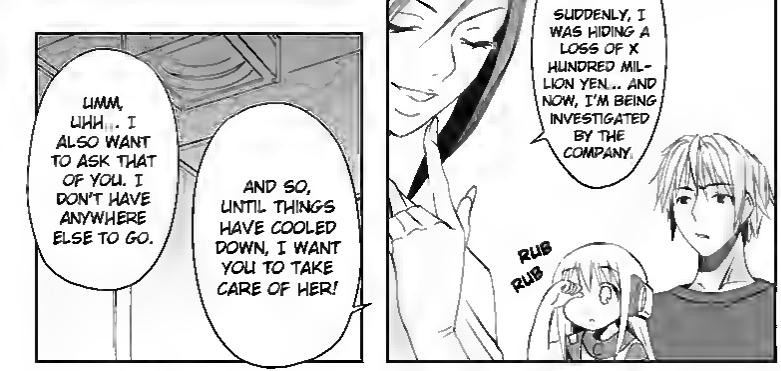
THIS HERE PARENTS NAMED FLOWER IS DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE OTHERS.
SHE'S A PROTO-TYPE.

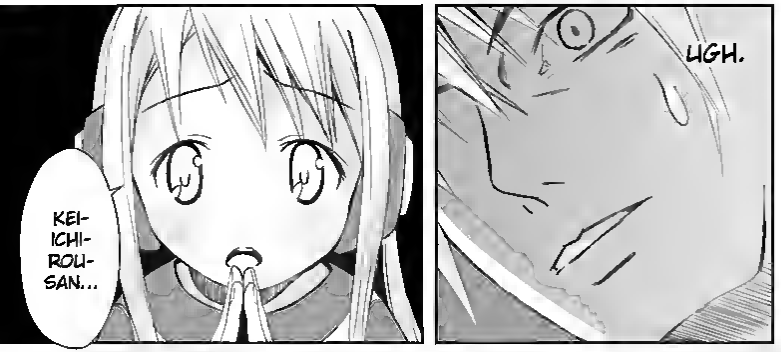

YEAH.
SHE DOES SPECIAL RESEA-RCH IN MY LAB.


PROTO-TYPE? SO SHE'S JUST A TEST?



SHE KEPT DE-VELOPING NEW THINGS, JUST LIKE MY INTER-ESTS AND WHAT I WANT TO DO, BUT...
BEEP

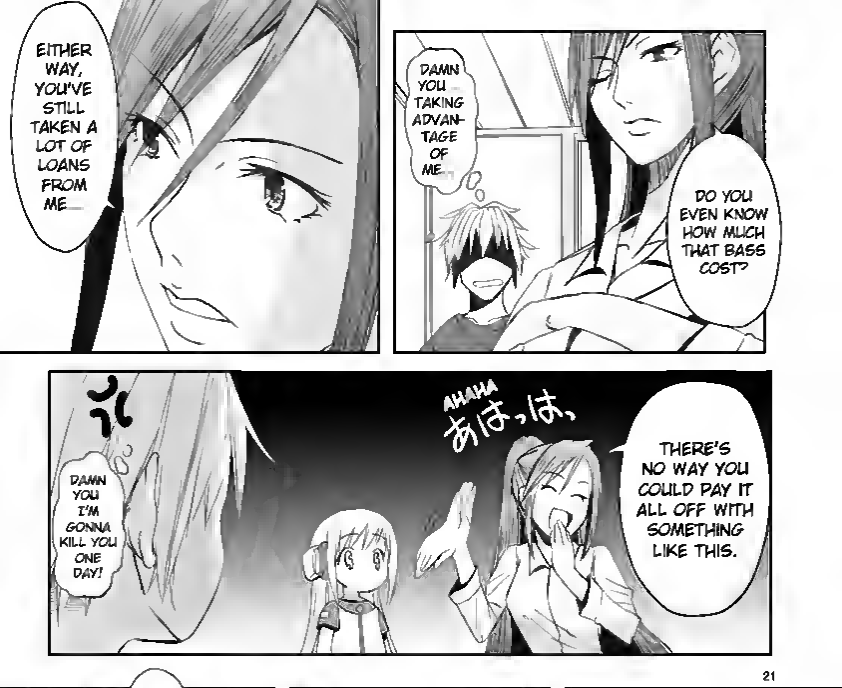

SUDDENLY, I WAS HIDING A LOSS OF X HUNDRED MILLION YEN... AND NOW, I'M BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE COMPANY.
RUB RUB
AND SO, UNTIL THINGS HAVE COOLED DOWN, I WANT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF HER!
UMM, UHH.. I ALSO WANT TO ASK THAT OF YOU. I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO.


UGH.
KEI-ICHI-ROU-SAN...

ONII-CHAN...
AGAIN!

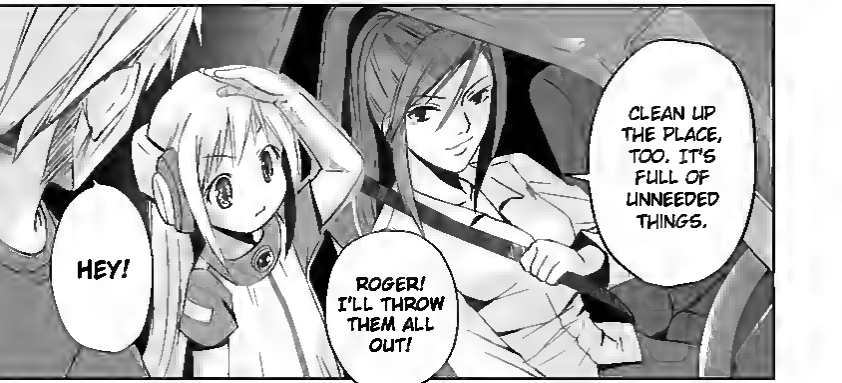
KEIICHIROU!
KEI-ICHIROU-SAN!
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. FINE!
YOU SURE MADE IT HARD FOR ME TO REFUSE...
THAT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE A COM-PLIMENT AT ALL.
AS EXPECTED OF YOU. YOU'RE AT LEAST AS MUCH OF A MAN AS I THOUGHT YOU WERE.

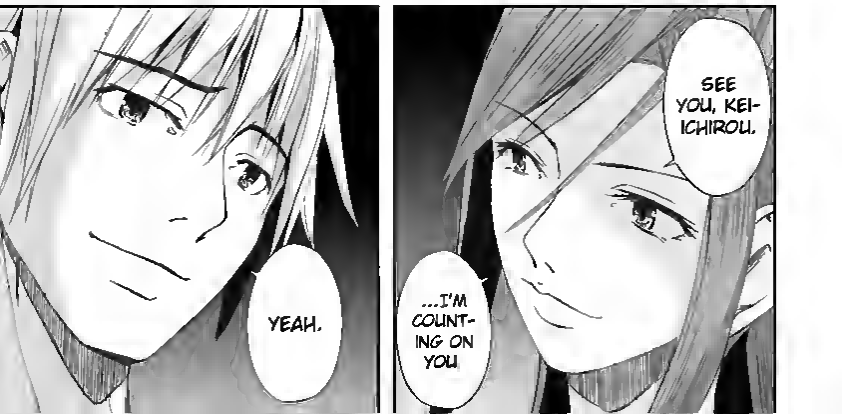
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? THIS COVERS ALL OF IT! ALL OF IT!!
WELL, THIS WILL COVER SOME OF WHAT YOU STILL OWE ME.

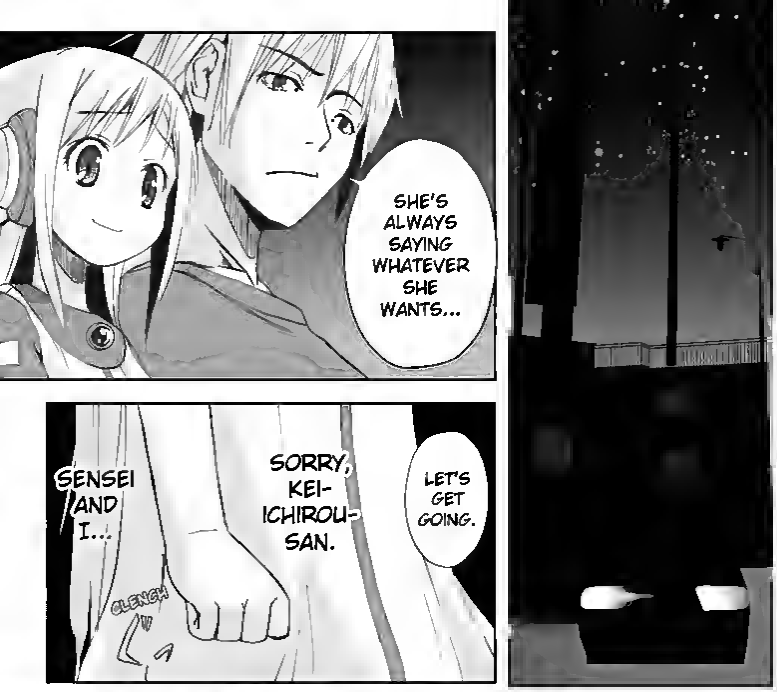

EITHER WAY, YOU'VE STILL TAKEN A LOT OF LOANS FROM ME...
DAMN YOU... TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ME...
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW MUCH THAT BASS COST?
DAMN YOU I'M GONNA KILL YOU ONE DAY!
AHAHA
あは、は、
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD PAY IT ALL OFF WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

YOU GOING HOME?
YEAH, I STILL HAVE SOME WORK LEFT TO DO.
WELL, NOW THAT I'VE DONE WHAT I CAME FOR,
I GUESS I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE

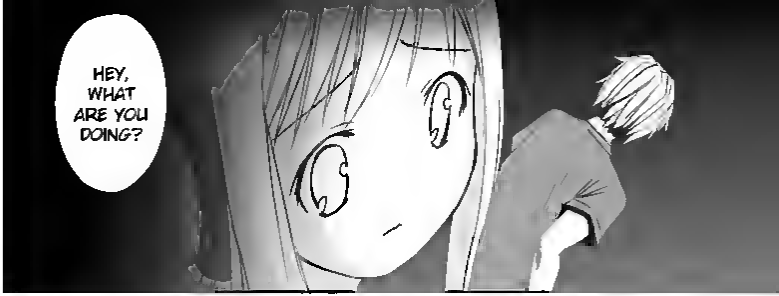
SEE YOU, FLOWER MAKE SURE YOU PROPERLY LOOK AFTER KEIICHIROU.

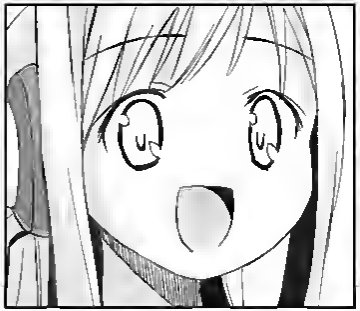

CLEAN UP THE PLACE, TOO. IT'S FULL OF UNNEEDED THINGS.
HEY!
ROGER! I'LL THROW THEM ALL OUT!


SEE YOU, KEI-ICHIROU.
YEAH.
...I'M COUNT-ING ON YOU.


SHE'S ALWAYS SAYING WHATEVER SHE WANTS...
LET'S GET GOING.
SORRY, KEI-ICHIROU-SAN.
SENSEI AND I...
CLENCH

...TOLD A LIE. I'M SORRY...





◆ THEIR LIFE TOGETHER STARTS IN THE NEXT CHAPTER!!